



CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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PAVING PROJECT BEGINS ON INTERSTATE 40

Needles – Caltrans will begin the first of two paving projects on Interstate 40 near Needles on Monday, July 10, 2006. The first project will take place from east of Water Road to the western junction of Route 95. The work hours will be Monday through Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. One of two lanes in each direction will be closed during the work hours for up to two-mile increments. Traffic control will be utilized and one lane will remain open at all times.

The first project is expected to last for up to one month and the second project will begin thereafter. The work limits for the second project are from Java Rd. to the eastern junction of Route 95. Work hours will be Monday through Thursday from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. One of two lanes in each direction will be closed during the work hours for up to two-mile increments. Traffic control will be utilized and one lane will remain open at all times.

The two projects are expected to be complete by the end of August 2006. Motorists are advised that in addition to these paving projects, I-40 is down to one lane in each direction intermittently from Ludlow to Essex for emergency bridge repair. Please add a little time to your trip or take an alternate route to avoid delays. Travelers may use I-10 east to Route 95 into Arizona.

Remember that when traveling in the desert you must always carry water. Bring medicines and snacks and make sure your car runs well. Merge early – drivers who wait until the last second to merge in an effort to get a better place in traffic lines, often cause a deadly chain reaction of multiple rear-end collisions.

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